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PARENTING FOR INDEPENDENCE:
Intentional Planning for the Special Needs Family

The challenges of parenting a child with special needs are unique and ongoing. These needs are ever changing through the various phases and milestones of life. Caregivers and those who are walking alongside a family dealing with special needs would benefit and learn from the community offered in this class. Hear stories of how to parent intentionally for independence, how to plan for transition, and planning for guardianship/conservatorship/estate planning.

LIFELINE MINISTRY is an organization based in Chattanooga and serving special needs families in about a dozen counties across southeast Tennessee and northwest Georgia. All of LifeLine's board and staff are affected by special needs in some way, whether living with disability themselves or as caregivers.

NOTE: To help us best accommodate and prepare for all of our guests, we ask that families bringing children with special needs sign up at signalpres.org/equip-embrace. We have a loving and trained team of staff and volunteers eager to spend time with your children! Please feel free to extend this invitation to families we may not reach.

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FATHER, HUSBAND, WORKER, FRIEND:
The Blessings and Challenges of Masculinity

Some years ago the men's ministry at Signal Pres created a grid to capture the various overlapping roles that men may have in the course of their lives and callings: father, husband, worker, friend. In this class we'll hear from a collection of men in our church and community about how they live into the places God has called them. They'll speak from their failures, what they've learned, and how they've come to discover God's vision for them.

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A WOMAN'S PLACE:
The Many Callings of Women

It's a unique time to be a woman: it is a time of incredible opportunity, where glass ceilings are being broken and women find themselves in new places of leadership and authority. At the same time, we know that challenges still remain and opportunities create new dilemmas about how to live faithfully. In this class, we'll hear from a group of women from Signal Pres and our community about how they live into their various callings as leaders in the workforce, in the community, and in their homes.

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DISCOVERING OUR RACIAL HISTORY

“All men are created equal.” These words from the Declaration of Independence represent one of the paradoxes of American history. They tell us of the genius of the American experiment and our nation’s profound commitment to freedom and equality. And they also tell us of the great blind spot of our nation: these words intentionally excluded the lives of millions of people who were kidnapped from their homelands and forced into manual labor. In this class we’ll refresh ourselves with this part of our nation’s history, learn about how the church has been a part of the problem and the solution, and learn about the ways God is on the move to heal this wound.

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